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BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAN AARON POLSTER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- AND -

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID A. RUIZ

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4 MR. SHKOLNIK: Hi. This is Hunter Shkolnik.

12:10:24 5 I didn't get on the roll call. I apologize.

6 JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Very good.

7 Thank you, Hunter

8 THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon.

9 JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Hi, Judge. Everyone is  
12:11:04 10 on.

11 THE COURT: What?

12 JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Everyone is on. You're  
13 ready to go.

14 THE COURT: All right. All right. Good  
12:11:09 15 afternoon, everyone. I hope everyone is staying safe.

16 I reviewed the joint status report. I appreciate the  
17 information. There doesn't seem to be anything requiring  
18 any action.

19 I certainly hope and expect we'll be able to have our  
12:11:38 20 trial in October, that the pandemic will have abated  
21 sufficiently, enough people will have vaccinations, and  
22 we'll be able to go forward.

23 So I didn't have anything really on my agenda, and  
24 there's nothing that jumps out in the report.

12:12:01 25 So is there anything that anyone wants to bring up --

1 if they want to bring up?

2 MR. STOFFELMAYR: Judge, Kaspar Stoffelmayer  
3 for the defendants.

4 Not from our side. Thank you.

12:12:17 5 THE COURT: Thanks, Kaspar.

6 MR. WEINBERGER: Your Honor, this is  
7 Pete Weinberger.

8 I don't think there's anything we need to raise with  
9 you at this point, Your Honor.

12:12:25 10 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I always ask, because  
11 that's the purpose of these calls.

12 So I think it's a good idea to have the monthly  
13 check-ins. If they're short, they're short. But there may  
14 be something that we need to do.

12:12:41 15 Wednesdays seem to be a good day. I'm looking at  
16 Wednesday, March 10th. I have some things in the noon hour,  
17 but I guess I'm suggesting 1:30 on March 10th. And getting  
18 a status report at noon the preceding day, March 9th, seems  
19 to be fine.

12:13:09 20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Thank you, Judge.

21 THE COURT: So Wednesday, 3-10, at 1:30, and  
22 then noon on the 9th.

23 All right. Well, thanks. It was short, but things  
24 are moving along okay. And everyone, stay safe.

12:13:19 25

1 THE COURT: I'll talk to you next month.

2 Bye-bye.

3 COUNSEL EN MASSE: Thank you.

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